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Thanks

... to all those parents & teacher aides who helped out with this week's headlice inspection - it was much appreciated.

People of the week

... Players of the Day - Netball 3 - Piper D, Netball 2 - Taylor R; Netball 1 - Paige H; Levi H (Marist White U8) and Ashton H (Marist Red JBN) Well done !

... Our ICAS maths candidates. Good luck for next week!

Term Calendar ... *More to follow as dates come to hand!*

11 August	Applications closed for Out of Zone Places (T4, 2017)
15 August	ICAS Maths Exam
17 August	WGHS enrolment interviews (Matarau Sch)
18 August	Out of zone ballot date
21 August	BoT meeting
22 August	School Cross Country
24 August	Taniwha Challenge (Zone Cross Country), Te Horo
31 August	Year 7 and 8 Netball Tournament
31 August	Whangarei Interschool Cross Country (Barge Park)
5 September	Boostrix Vaccinations (Year 7 boys and girls)
7 September	Meeting to discuss Cambridge programme
12 September	Choir performance at Forum North
19 September	Year 7 and 8 Volley Ball Tournament
25 September	School Talent Show
27 September	Junior School Production
29 September	Final day for term 3 (16/10 ... First day term 4) <i>(Not 28.9 as advertised last week)</i>

Taniwha Challenge - Postponement

As advised by email this week, the Taniwha Challenge (to be held at Te Horo School) has been postponed to 24 August. If you gave consent, or offers of transport, for the earlier event, we will assume these consents and offers of transport apply also to the new date unless advised on Monday or by voice message over the weekend.

Close proximity of Cross Country Events

We are aware that forthcoming school, zone, and interschool events have ended up being pretty close together because of postponement dates. This is regrettable, but beyond our control. We will fully understand if you would like to exempt your child from zone or interschool dates if you feel the current schedule would be too taxing. Please let the office know

School Cross Country - Tuesday 22 August

You are warmly invited to support our cross country runners on the afternoon of 22 August. Please extend this invitation to extended family. The event will be held across the road (slightly different location to earlier years). We will follow with more details and a race schedule next week.

*Sponsors of this year's School Cross Country ..
Retro Hair Design!*

Please refer to recent newsletters (stored on our website) for information on...

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| ... Change of clothes for cross country | ... letters sent home where attendance is a concern |
| ... Out of zone ballot | ... year 7 and 8 tech classes |
| ... Homework | ... High School presentations / open evenings |
| ... Cohort Consultation | ... school Lunches |
| ... Not attending next year | ... Boostrix vaccination |

Service Virtue - term 3

Please ...

- ... discuss the importance of being other centred with your children
- ... talk about the satisfaction you get when you practise other centred-ness
- ... set some other centred-ness goals and let us know of any special moments.

Term contributions

... those who opted for term payment of school contributions will receive a contribution request letter next week .. sorry for the delay. Thank you for your support ... every cent goes back to the children in some value added form.

International Schools Competitions

A reminder that the maths exam is scheduled for Tuesday 15 August.

Please ensure return all the English practice papers & answer sheets to the office next week.

Central Northland Science and Technology Fair

Parents of children who will represent our school are advised that the Central Northland Science Fair will take place 28 August to 31 August and a permission slip was been sent home last week. Please return outstanding consent forms next week. Any questions in the run up please to Mrs Donaldson. .

Home Gardens

Please discuss with your children the possibility of having a home garden this year. This programme gets underway some time later this term (timeline to follow), and culminates in judging at year's end with a trophy presented at prizegiving. We will send an expression of interest form out **within the next couple of weeks** and so please let your child know if you want one of these forms sent home.

Calf Club Day - Thursday 19 October 2017

If you haven't already, you need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear calves, lambs or goats. The animal must be born after 1st July 2017. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling. Goats are judged on rearing, leading & calling.

A booklet on how to prepare a lamb or calf for calf club day is available from the office.



You can also bring a 'pet' which can include rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, chicken etc. A pet booklet will be sent home with interested children nearer the end of term. Note that **NO DOGS or PUPPIES** are permitted and the animal will need to be in a cage for the duration of the day. **Please do not bring pregnant animals or new-borns on the day as this could put them under stress that would not be good for their health.**

More information will be sent home closer to the end of the term.

Scholastic Book Club

Orders closed today. We expect books will arrive by late next week.

Headlice Inspections

Headlice inspections this week indicated moderate levels of infestation. If you received an advice notice please act on it by Monday if you have not already done so. A co-ordinated response is our best chance of staying on top of this problem. All parents are asked to check their children's hair weekly please.

Cambridge Meeting / Year 7 & 8

A meeting has been scheduled for 3.15pm Thursday 7th September at which we will run through our Cambridge programme, share our thoughts so far, possibly share some data, identify next steps & take questions. You might like to take this opportunity to learn more about this exciting programme.

Calendar Art Orders

Order forms were sent home two weeks ago. If you would like to see your child's artwork before ordering, please ask at the office. Orders and payments are due back at the office no later than Friday 1st September. Please note: should you require orders later than this date this will be possible, however a freight cost will be incurred. **If you order on line it is imperative that you also return the order form to the office please.**

Finally

Some weeks back TVNZ reported some new research out of Australia suggesting that reading text from books has significant cognitive (brain based) advantages over reading text on screen. The key researcher said "there is something about turning the pages of a book". Reading books grows brain function in ways we don't fully understand. This research is consistent with other research over the years which suggests that screen time is no substitute for conventional books in growing reading (and maybe thinking) skills.

Digital technologies are not only here to stay, they are impacting life and work in ways hitherto unimaginable. Much of this is good, and, anyway, unavoidable. What we all need to do is keep books in the picture, be seen to read yourselves, have books lying around the house, buy books as presents, talk about what you have read, and **MOST OF ALL**, read to your children and have them read to you.

Regards ... *nga mihi*

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School Lunches



Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Mince (or Mince & Cheese) Pie, Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), butter chicken and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the fruit drink for a flavoured milk for \$5.00. *Order by Wednesday afternoon at the latest at the office, to receive Friday.*

Monday & Friday Lunch update - in the next week or 2, we will be announcing an extended menu option which will include a wider range & some healthier options. Watch this space!!!

Community Notices



Recycling Old Mobile Phones After \$2.5 million donated to the Starship Foundation from the sale of unwanted old mobile phones it is time for a new multi award winning NZ charity - Sustainable Coastline to benefit from this scheme. It would be great if you could rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring into School any unwanted mobile phones you may have. Phones collected help our School gain valuable rewards and also the environment benefits by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances. Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in the Office at School.

Wanted - Beef Farm Worker, Purua Area. Handyman, Builder, Fencer. Casual or Full Time. Ph 433 5636.

Joy Allcock - From Language to Literacy parents evening seminar, St Johns Church, 149 Kamo Road, Kamo Road Friday 18 August 7.30pm. \$5 entry donation to go towards Dyslexia children. To reserve a seat please contact 430 0693 or admin@dyslexiaplus.org.nz

House cleaner required 2-3 hours per week for general household cleaning work. Close to school. Please contact Louise on 0274 524 756 if you are interested.

House to Rent wanted - Family of 5 looking for a 3-4 bedroom house to rent. Preferably rural. Tidy people with great references. Please call Sharon on 027 631 9361

Glow in the Dark Disco Purua School fundraiser, Friday 25th August, Purua Hall, for Ages 4-14 years only. \$2 entry (free glowstick). Ring Purua School for tickets 433 5841.

Wave Rave at Whangarei Aquatics Centre - Saturday 26th August - 6.30pm - 8.30pm; Children aged 8yrs - 16yrs; There will be Competitions and Games; Aqua Run; Hydroslide; Bombing Competitions; Wave Rave Sports; a DJ; Entry - \$8.00 - If you're planning on going to the Wave Rave please buy your tickets through Eve Finlayson (Susie and Rose's sister). Tickets bought through Eve will fundraise towards Collier Dev Hockey Team. NB we only make money from the tickets we pre sell and not for any tickets bought at the Aquatics Centre. Contact Eve's email: eviefinlayson@gmail.com or Eve's mum on 0274 525 398.

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